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1. NO EVIDENCE HAS EMERGED IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO INDICATE THE PRESENCE IN HONDURAS OF SIGNIFICANT PRODUCTION, USE, PROCESSING OR TRAFFICKING OF NARCOTICS. IN THE ABSENCE OF LOCAL NARCOTICS ACTIVITY, THE EMBASSY HAS FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD BY PERIODICALLY DISCUSSING DEVELOPMENTS IN REGULARLY-SCHEDULED COUNTRY TEAM MEETINGS. THE NEED TO HOLD UNSCHEDULED MEETINGS ON THIS TOPIC RARELY ARISES. THUS, OUR RESPONSES TO ITEMS A AND B (PARA 3, REFTTEL) ARE QTE NONE UNQTE.

2. WITH REGARD TO ITEM C, WE BELIEVE THAT NARCOTICS COMMITTEES CAN, WHERE SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS CONTROL PROBLEMS EXIST, BE EFFECTIVE IN DEVISING AND CARRYING OUT PLANS AIMED AT SECURING  
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HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO MORE ADEQUATELY RECOGNIZE AND RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS FEW EMBASSIES HAVE, AS POINTED OUT BELOW, A MEANINGFUL CAPABILITY TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF HOST COUNTRY NARCOTICS ACTIVITY. MOST EMBASSIES CAN, NEVERTHELESS, BY MEANS OF PERIODIC NARCOTICS COMMITTEE OR COUNTRY TEAM MEETINGS OBTAIN AT LEAST A LIMITED UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXTENT AND TRENDS IN LOCAL NARCOTICS DEVELOPMENTS. THEY CAN THEN INITIATE STEPS TO

SECURE DESIRED HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. DEVELOPING AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL SITUATION WOULD, HOWEVER, REQUIRE A FULL OR PART-TIME NARCOTICS OFFICER.

3. WITH REGARD TO ITEM D, THIS EMBASSY FINDS ITSELF SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED IN DETERMINING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ANY CONTROL PROBLEM IN HONDURAS BY OUR VERY SMALL SUBSTANTIVE FSO STAFFING IN RELATION TO THIS COUNTRY'S RELATIVELY LARGE SIZE AND THE INADEQUACY OF COMMUNICATIONS. THIS HANDICAP COULD BE REDUCED BY THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF A DEA OFFICER FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING SUFFICIENT NARCOTICS INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO BASE ESTIMATES AND PLANS. WE HAVE PROPOSED THIS SOLUTION TO THE DEA, AND WE UNDERSTAND IT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. A SECOND SERIOUS PROBLEM HAS ARISEN AS A RESULT OF US COAST GUARD DETENTION OF COLOMBIAN-OWNED VESSELS OF HONDURAN REGISTRY ENGAGED IN CARRYING LARGE CARGOES OF MARIJUANA TO THE UOE. THE WORKLOAD IS VERIFYING REGISTRY AND SECURING HOST COUNTRY COOPERATION FOR DETENTION, EXTRADITION AND RELATED ACTIONS--MOST IN RESPONSE TO NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLES--IMPINGES HEAVILY ON THIS POST'S ABILITY TO MEET OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS. THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT HERE OF A DEA OFFICER ALSO WOULD EASE THIS BURDEN. JARAMILLO UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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